PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately 450 Americans are prisoners of war in southeast Asia; and,

WHEREAS, over 1,100 Americans are listed as missing in action in the Indochina conflict; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital that all Americans urge the North Vietnamese to treat humanely American prisoners of war, to release them at the earliest possible date, and to supply any information they may have concerning those listed as missing in action; and,

WHEREAS, the "Let My People Go" program, setting aside one moment of reflection on Good Friday for our prisoners of war and missing in action, is a meaningful effort to express America's concern for her soldiers:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim that commencing with 2:15 p.m., Good Friday, April 9, 1971, one moment of reflection be set aside for our American prisoners of war and missing in action in southeast Asia;

AND, FURTHUR, I urge all South Dakotans to observe this moment of reflection.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capitol City, this lst day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-one.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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